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SUGGEST YOU ADDRESS FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO DR. MESZAROS RE FLOOD DAMAGE, CONCENTRATING ON GRAINS AND OILSEEDS: (A) GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AND EXTENT OF FLOODING. (B) DATE FLOODING BEGAN AND ANTICIPATED OR ACTUAL DATE WATER RECEDED FOR EACH AREA. (C) NUMBER OF HECTARES PLANTED TO VARIOUS CROPS IN EACH AREA FLOODED, AND PERCENTAGE OF EACH CROP AFFECTED BY FLOODS. (D) STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AT TIME OF FLOODING FOR EACH CROP. (E) LIKELY REDUCTION IN EACH CROP RESULTING FROM FLOOD DAMAGE. (F) DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HUNGARY HAS

BEEN A SIZEABLE NET EXPORTER OF WHEAT (ABOUT 1 MILLION TONS). WILL HUNGARY BE ABLE TO CONTINUE IN 1975/76 AS EXPORTER, OR WILL IMPORTS BE REQUIRED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE FLOODING? (G) WOULD A SIGNIFICANT LOSS IN GRAIN PRODUCTION LIKELY BE OFFSET BY LOWER HUNGARIAN GRAIN CONSUMPTION OR

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MADE UP BY INCREASED IMPORTS? (H) WAS THE LEVEL OF HUNGARIAN GRAIN

STOCKS AT THE START OF THE 1975/76 MARKETING SEASON NORMAL, ABOVE
NORMAL OR BELOW NORMAL? ARE BEGINNING STOCKS SUFFICIENT TO FILL IN
FOR A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN 1975 GRAIN PRODUCTION?

(I) SHOULD HUNGARY REQUIRE LARGE GRAIN IMPORTS IN 1975/76, FROM WHAT
ORIGIN WOULD THEY LIKELY COME? AT THIS POINT WOULD GRAIN IMPORT
NEEDS LIKELY BE FOR WHEAT OR FOR FEEDGRAINS?
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